



1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Postsecondary education is increasingly an  
3 essential credential for success in the modern economy; and

4 WHEREAS, Affordability of a college degree is a growing  
5 concern to students, families, and State policymakers; and

6 WHEREAS, The cost of textbooks is a substantial and  
7 escalating burden for students; and

8 WHEREAS, Other states have undertaken legislative and  
9 administrative measures to curtail the rising expense of  
10 textbook purchases; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Board of Higher  
13 Education, in conjunction with the Illinois Community College  
14 Board and public universities and community colleges, shall  
15 conduct a thorough and comprehensive study of the cost and  
16 feasibility of implementing textbook rental programs at public  
17 universities and community colleges; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall explore  
19 the feasibility of various funding sources to establish a  
20 revolving fund to finance start-up costs for textbook rental  
21 programs at public universities and community colleges; and be  
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall examine  
24 measures considered or adopted in other states, including the  
25 unbundling of software or other supplementary materials from  
26 the sale of textbooks; the public listing of titles, prices,  
27 and ISBN numbers of required textbooks; and the disclosure of  
28 textbook costs to faculty; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall  
2 investigate the potential for technology to reduce textbook  
3 costs, including online book swaps, an electronic  
4 clearinghouse for the purchase of textbooks, and e-book  
5 alternatives to published textbooks; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Higher Education shall report  
7 its findings and recommendations to the chairpersons of the  
8 Higher Education and Appropriations III Committees of the  
9 Senate no later than August 1, 2006; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
11 delivered to the Governor, the chairperson of the Board of  
12 Higher Education, the chairperson of the Illinois Community  
13 College Board, and the president of each public university and  
14 community college in this State.